



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR 2021 ELECTRIC SERVICE AND PRICES

UPDATED RATES AND NEW PROGRAMS PROPOSED TO HELP YOU MANAGE BILLS, GIVE YOU MORE WAYS TO SAVE

At Xcel Energy, we work every day to provide the safe, clean, reliable energy that our customers depend upon, and deliver that at the lowest cost possible. We are a national leader in the journey to a carbon-free energy future, moving forward with high-value investments that lower operating costs and improve our customers' experience.

We have submitted a proposal to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for updated rates and new pricing plans that, if approved, would go into effect in July 2021. The new offerings aim to give customers more control to manage their energy budget and align electric bills with the cost of service, so customers only pay for the costs they incur—all while keeping bills below the national average.

We are always here for you

We know this is a difficult time – and the people we serve need us now, more than ever. Customers who may have trouble paying their bill should call us right away at **800.895.4999**. We can answer questions and provide information about energy efficiency, rebates, payment options and programs for those who qualify for energy assistance.

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This rate case is subject to approval by the CPUC. Details about this request, including the legal notice and bill impacts, are available on the back of this page and at **xcelenergy.com**. Rates are set through a transparent process with the Commission, which includes opportunities for public input and participation.

NOTICE OF REVISION IN THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO 8-ELECTRIC TARIFF OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO 1800 LARIMER STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80202-5533

You are hereby notified that Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or “Company”) has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an advice letter with revised tariff sheets proposing to eliminate the currently effective General Rate Schedule Adjustment (“GRSA”) and General Rate Schedule Adjustment – Energy (“GRSA-E”) and place into effect revised base rates for all electric rate schedules in the Company’s currently effective Colorado P.U.C. No. 8–Electric Tariff (“Electric Tariff”), including updated Electric Affordability Program (“EAP”), load meter, and production meter charges. The proposed new tariffs would affect all of the Company’s Colorado retail electric customers if the Commission allows the tariffs to become effective. Consistent with Commission rules and Colorado statutes, the effective date for the changed tariffs accompanying the Advice Letter is November 19, 2020, if granted by the Commission. However, if the Commission suspends the Advice Letter and sets it for hearing, which has been requested by the Company, the Company is requesting an effective date of July 27, 2021, after suspension.

The revised base rates are based on a new Class Cost of Service Study (“CCOSS”) reflective of the costs and load data from the Commission-approved test year in the Company’s most recent Electric Phase I rate case, Proceeding No. 19AL-0268E (“2019 Phase I Rate Case”) and on rate design principles explained by witnesses submitting Direct Testimony in support of the Company’s requests. The proposed CCOSS reallocates among the Company’s major customer classes the total annual revenue requirement of \$1,828,985,415 authorized by the Commission in the 2019 Phase I Rate Case, plus an additional \$6,600,000 to account for the EAP amount approved through an advice letter filing made on March 5, 2020 in Proceeding No. 20AL-0090E, for a total of \$1,835,585,415.

As discussed in this filing, the Company also proposes new and revised rate design and rate schedules, as well as a new Residential billing option, including the following:

- Eliminate the summer tiered rate structure for the standard Residential rate, Schedule R, consistent with the Commission’s final decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached in the Company’s recent Time of Use (“TOU”) proceeding (Proceeding No. 19AL-0687E), wherein the Company agreed to present a proposal to eliminate the tiered rate structure in this proceeding, and proposing in this case a new seasonally differentiated flat rate for Schedule R.
- Make Schedule RD-TDR (Residential Demand Time-Differentiated Rate) a permanent rate option for Residential customers, beginning January 1, 2022, after the current RD-TDR Pilot concludes on December 31, 2021.
- With respect to Schedule RD-TDR, additional tariff revisions were required in order to include the proposed permanent rate option, while at the same time maintaining the RD-TDR Pilot provisions until conclusion of the Pilot. Specifically, the references to the Low-Income provisions, opt-out and other pilot-related language will remain in effect until the Pilot ends on January 1, 2022, after which they will no longer be applicable to the permanent schedule, and the adjusted time periods for the Generation and Transmission Demand Charges in the permanent schedule will be implemented effective January 1, 2022. Additionally, the Company is adding the standard load meter charge that was inadvertently excluded when originally implemented.
- Introduce a new time-differentiated rate (Schedule C-TOU) for Small Commercial customers, which will become the default rate for Schedule C customers over time as they receive their Advanced Meter. The C-TOU proposal is modeled after the Schedule RE-TOU approved in the TOU Settlement including an opt-out provision.
- Modify the riders applicable to the proposed Schedule C-TOU based on a percentage adjustment applicable to base energy charges for the following electric rate riders: Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment, Purchased Capacity Cost Adjustment, Electric Commodity Adjustment (“ECA”), Transmission Cost Adjustment, and Clean Air – Clean Jobs Act Rider.
- Increase the Schedule C (Small Commercial) winter / summer price ratios to 60 percent.
- Change the Schedule SG (Secondary General), Schedule PG (Primary General) and Schedule TG (Transmission General) winter / summer price ratio for generation and transmission (“G&T”) demand charges to 60 percent.
- Change Schedule PG G&T measured demand period to 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Implement a voluntary Flat Bill Payment Offering for Residential customers, which would be available for enrollment by interested customers beginning on August 1, 2022. Flat Bill, as described in this filing and supporting testimony, allows participating customers to have a customized, fixed monthly bill amount for the provision of utility service.

Another purpose of this filing is to make revisions to certain provisions of the Electric Tariff. The revisions range from substantive to administrative changes. The primary revisions to the Electric Tariff include the following:

- Add Schedule C-TOU to Schedule EAP to reflect that Schedule C-TOU will be included in the Commercial Rate Schedules that include EAP charges, as well as adding Schedule RE that was previously inadvertently missing from Schedule EAP.
- Update Schedule MEP (Medical Exemption Program) (“MEP”), and Schedule ECA, to eliminate references to tiered rates in Schedule R, and provide that the MEP will still be applicable to Schedule R, with the exemption applied to summer seasonal rates, and revise the reference to MEP costs in the ECA.
- Remove references to “base energy rate” from all Standby Service schedules (Secondary, Primary and Transmission).
- Add “per service meter” to the S&F Charge for all rate schedules.
- Update the Distribution Extension Policy to provide additional clarity to certain defined terms and definitions, and also clarify the timing for certain invoices.

- Update the Meter Accuracy and Routine Meter Test Schedules to align the tariff with changes approved in the Electric Meter Sampling Program (Proceeding No. 08A-277E). The Company is aligning the tariff to reflect the random selection of samples and frequency of testing that was approved in Proceeding No. 08A-277E and not previously updated.
- Revise terms of its Rules and Regulations - Measurement of Service tariff to modify that in the circumstances in which a customer meets the requirements of the Company’s Electric Installation Standards, it is no longer necessary for an exception request to be submitted and approved by the Company.
- Administrative changes to the Table of Contents and Reserved for Future Filing Index to reflect changes made to other tariffs.
- Minor revisions to the Schedule of Charges for Rendering Service and the Averaged Monthly Payment Plan tariff.

In addition, the Company requests deferred accounting treatment for rate case expenses and incremental Schedule C-TOU expenses related to this Phase II Rate Case, estimated at \$875,679, which the Company will track and present for review and recovery in a future Phase I electric rate case.

If the Commission grants the Company’s requests, there will be no change in the Company’s annual revenue. The effect of this filing is to generate the same annual revenues approved by the Commission. Nonetheless, the Company’s filing will impose different bill impacts on different types of customers. The estimated dollar and percentage bill impacts on a typical customer served under each of our five major rate schedules are provided in the table below.

Total Average Monthly Bill Impact on Annualized Rates				
	Current Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly Bill	Monthly Dollar Change	Monthly Percentage Change
Residential - R	\$72.92	\$77.77	\$4.85	6.65%
Commercial - C	\$108.87	\$109.03	\$0.16	0.15%
Secondary General - SG	\$2,308	\$2,214	-\$93	-4.05%
Primary General - PG	\$38,388	\$37,398	-\$990	-2.58%
Transmission General - TG	\$613,975	\$573,928	-\$40,047	-6.52%

The estimated average monthly customer bill impacts are based upon the differences between the rates proposed by the Company in this case and the currently effective rates (inclusive of the GRSA and GRSA-E), with all riders held constant at their levels as of the date of this filing, and using weighted average winter/summer rates.

In accordance with Rules 1207(f) and 1210(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, copies of the current and proposed tariffs summarized above and as filed with the Commission, are available for examination and explanation at the main office of Public Service, 1800 Larimer Street, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80202-5533, or at the Commission’s office, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202-5143, or by accessing the Commission’s E-Filing system at colorado.gov/dora/puc. Customers who have questions may call the Commission at 303-894-2000, call Xcel Energy at 800.895.4999, fax to Xcel Energy at 800.895.2895, or e-mail to inquire@xcelenergy.com. A copy of this Notice is also available on the Company’s public website at https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings.

Anyone who desires may file written comments or objections to the proposed action. Written comments or objections shall be filed with the Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202-5143 at: <https://puc.colorado.gov/puccomments> on or before 10 days before the proposed effective date of November 19, 2020, or later should the Commission set this matter for hearing and suspend and delay the effective date of the request, which is likely. It is likely that the Commission will hold a hearing regarding the advice letter proposed by Public Service, which could result in the Commission suspending and delaying the proposed effective date of November 19, 2020.

Should the Commission hold a hearing, customers may submit written protests, comments or objections any time prior the scheduled hearing date. The Commission will consider all written comments and objections submitted prior to the evidentiary hearing on the advice letter. The filing of written comments or objections by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents in accordance with Rule 1401 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure or any applicable Commission order.

The Commission may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the advice letter. If such a hearing is held, members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections or interventions. If the advice letter is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice. Anyone desiring information regarding if and when a hearing may be held, shall submit a written request to the Commission or, alternatively, shall contact the Consumer Affairs section of the Commission at 303.894.2070 or 800.456.0858. Notices of proposed hearings will be available on the Commission website under “News Releases” or through the Commission’s e-filing system.

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